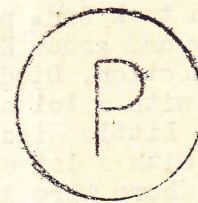


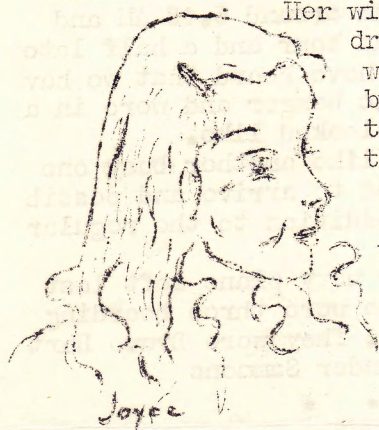


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MAYORS LEI DAY CONTEST HUGE SUCCESS. JOYCE VANDERMEER, TEN YEAR OLD STUDENT WINS GRAND PRIZE FOR BEST LEI IN THE SHOW.

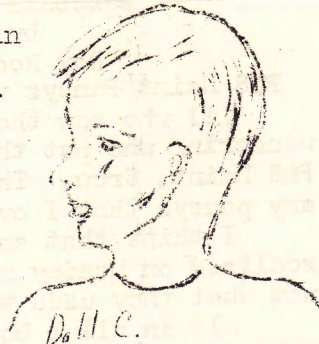


Her winning lei was made of dried morning glory seeds which she had colored by hand. Before the contest she explained to the editor that they looked so much like wood roses when the seeds were dried that she was going to try them in a lei.

Dahl Cornell a 1st grade student in The Palmyra

school, won 1st. prize in the Tiny Tots section with a lei of baby coconuts that had fallen to the ground in the strong winds.

Mrs. Ruth Eldridge, won 1st. prize in the adult section with a lei of seeds and flowers.



There were a total of 24 leis entered in the contest. Each visitor to the exhibit voted on the two leis in each section that they thought were the best. Each lei was given a number in its class or section and by this method of voting few people know, who made the leis.

Our guest artist this week is Dusty Haller, who made the original sketches at the last moment.

There were nine leis in the adult section. Mrs. Addie Steed, won second prize with a lei made of coconut leaves. Mrs. Violet Pollard won third prize with a double lei of Heliotrope blossoms. All of the other leis in the Adult section were worthy of special mention. Due to lack of space we will only be able to mention the winners.

Seven leis were entered in the Junior section. Joyce Vandermoor won 1st prize in addition to the Grand Prize. Russell Eldridge took 2nd., with a lei of tiny purple and red
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THIS SUNDAY IS MOTHERS DAY, MAY 8th, 1949.

Years ago a song was written about the meaning of the word MOTHER. I do not know who the author or composer was, or the words of the verse. So in Honor of OUR MOTHERS on this Mothers Day, I am printing the words of the chorus.

M-O-T-H-E-R

M is for the Million things she gave me
 O means only that she's growing Old
 T is for the Tears that were shed to save me.

H is for her Heart of purest gold
 E is for her Eyes, with love light shining
 R means Right and Right she will always be
 put them all together, they spell MOTHER,
 a word that means the world to me.

If you are interested in attending a brief Mothers Day Service, watch the bulletin boards in the apartment bldg. and hotel, for the time and location.

EDITORIAL

In the Bible there is a passage which goes, "and ye shall hear rumors of wars".

While you are on Palmyra you will hear all sorts of rumors about boats, which are, or are not coming here. The latest is that a certain man wrote his wife here, that he had been told by some one in the office, that there might not be another boat for six months. We heard it and passed it off for what it was, but when several women came to us and asked if it was true, we decided to check. The lady who is supposed to have had the letter states that she has not had a single letter from her husband while he has been in Honolulu. PEET'S submarine cable has had lots of news about boat sailings and proposed sailings for Palmyra. There are regular schedules on the boat sailings, BUT, subject to changes and for that reason they are not given here.

When FACTS are available that a boat has left Honolulu for Palmyra and we get the information in time, we will use it.

We know that many of you have much needed clothing and other items in the mail. This paper is in the same position as part of our supplies have not arrived when we expected them. SO JUST FORGET RUMORS of the boat

LEI CONTEST CONTINUED.

flowers on a birds nest fern back. Pauline Watson took 3rd. place with a lei of red, yellow and green Kamani leaves. In the Tiny Tots section, Diedo Mathews, won second prize with a lei of red paper from a box of candy. Little Miss Fedoro Eldridge took 3rd. place with a lei of tiny red and purple flowers. There were only three entries in the open class. Pauline Watson won 1st prize, with a shell lei, Fedoro Eldridge was 2nd with a shell bracelet, her little sister, Audry took 3rd prize with a smaller shell bracelet.

This years lei contest was an inspiration to all who visited the show. One woman was heard to say, "I never realised that there were as many flowers here". Here's Hoping that the bachelors will get into the contest next year.

HERE AND THERE.

by

PEET the Hynah Bird

deor boss:

why you never tell me da gangsters gona practice befor da regular game las Sunday. Da game look to lopsides so i never sta for see da end.

please tell da wahine what got da garden behin da lectric shop for no shoot when i been look da garden. i like get look before i bet with dat guy rEdd on hoos gona win for da bes garden.

bEcl vOsgier down at da power hous like know if he can enter one wilo cat in da fair. hE been say dat dey got one keeton so wilo he fight like hock when you try food hom.

iTs no wonder da submarino cable no work las week. i been check up an some guy been deeg up da end where it come on da beach. mUs be some guy roed da story how nlek been discover pirate gold an try fine some for himself.

sOme of da boys fine out it aint safe for try take after dinner nap in da hotel lobby. da champeen use to be bEcl vOsgier, its lucky no one mistake him for french curve. dat guy cood sleep in more angles at one time dan any i ever see.

i been go over to da laundry in da apartments and your face gona be red if i been tell all what i hear. yOu got one beord an some of da stories you been write sure steenk but what i been object to is when one one wahine been call me one dirty olo bird. she dont know dat when dere is enough fresh water i been baff at leas six time one day. i bet her face been red when she read dis but i not been tell her name. sHe been tink it been hoomalinali bout me tell da story. nEx time she got more respec for da reporter from dis paper. yOurs trooly pEet.

AIRPORT NEWS.

This week has been a busy one for the boys servicing the planes. First a PBY from Samoa came in Monday evening. Then shortly after 2.30 Tuesday A.M. the regular navy flight arrived with two passengers, Bruce Hart and Harold C. Robinson a Communications Maintenance Inspector and some heavy cargo for Higa ta install in the new station. The plane departed shortly after 4 A.M.

The PBY took off around 6.30 A.M. and returned with an oil leak about two hours later. They finally got off the second time at 10.37 A.M.

Thursday morning around 1.30 the regular navy flight returned from Samoa and departed for Oahu about an hour later. An Air Force C46 landed from Hickam around 5.45 AM and departed for Canton an hour and a half later.

Those guys must have heard that we have a new wind sock on the hanger and were in a hurry to see what it looked like.

Next week looks like another busy one as NC 65 is scheduled to arrive and possibly another plane in addition to the regular navy flight.

When the regular navy plane left last Thursday morning there were three boarding passengers at Palmyra. They were Bruce Hart, Leon Bruner and Commander Sammons.

Baseball News.

by

Roy Redd

P&S Maint Pansys vis P&S Gas Line Gangstr

All who saw the game last Sunday are wondering who put the name of Pansys on the P&S Maint. Crew. They sure did not act lik any pansys that I ever saw.

I think that some of the ball players realized on Monday morning that they are not what they used to be.

All in all I believe every one had a lot of fun and I think every Sunday Morning would be a good time for a game. (Even after a wild Saturday night.)

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	total
Pansys	0	1	2	1	2	0	4	0	-	10
Gangsters	2	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	9

Pansys

Lynn

Omar

Kam

Rosa

Roberts

Francis

Kaneshiro

Koma

Waters

Castor

E. Norton

Cornell Umpires Brunner & McEwen

Vosgier Score Keeper Roy Redd

Gangsters

Lyons

Anderson

Hozokia

Viciera

Hokuau

Hanson

Korf

Ferro

Brunner

Biebo

Pebria

Part No. 8

FARMERS OF THE BLUE PACIFIC

From the Sunday Polynesian of January 2, 1949.

In their distress, the dairymen turned to John C. Ripperton, who knew more about forage crops than anyone else in the islands. With scientific foresight and a collector's vigor, this tall Kansan had imported varieties of promising forage grasses from all over the world ever since 1917 when he had first come to the University of Hawaii. Planting material, usually obtained by swaps with other collectors, flowed into his office from experiment stations as far removed as India and the East Coast of Africa. He and an associate, C. P. Wilsie, enthusiastically bred, culled, and re-planted improved varieties in test plots at the University field station.

The eye-spot plague swept down on Ripperton's collection. Like everyone else, he stood helplessly by while variety after variety of his "improved" napier grasses dropped and died. All but one. A strain which he had produced by cross-breeding two samples from East Africa stood out bright and gleaming against the brown earth background as if painted on with a green brush.

Fortunately, Ripperton had half an acre of the resistant grass. He shipped ten tons of fresh cuttings to dairymen throughout the islands. In less than a year their fields were again waving green with 15-foot napier grass, healthy as patches of sorghum.

Some contend that had napier grass been wiped out, dairymen would have found a substitute crop. Others hold that Ripperton saved the entire cattle industry of Hawaii. At any rate, he met the crisis. The disease has never been eradicated from the islands, but, thanks to his garden of grasses, it is under control.

These University of Hawaii experts are improving their neighbor's living standards all over the Pacific region. During the war, Howry Warner, Ashley Brown, Paul Gantt, Kenneth Hanson and others from the college moved in right after the Marines on Guadalcanal, New Guinea and other Pacific stepping stones to Japan. Carrying their army rifles in holsters strapped to tractor gas tanks, they sowed bushels of seeds and cultivated them with tropical know-how. Their Pearl Harbor was the only tomato that could be successfully grown in Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Guam, Tinian and the Solomons. Their napier grass shipped from Hawaii resisted eye-spot on Guam and flourished for the dairy herd imported to provide fresh milk for the Navy hospital.

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Do you remember when a 5¢ cigar was a good smoke and cigarettes were only 15¢ a pack, WINGS sold for 10¢ a pack and Aw heck those days are just memories.

Part No. 5

"MRS. ROBINSON CRUSOE"

by Idelle S. Long.

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There was much to be done towards getting our habitation fixed up, our stores put away, a partition erected in the little house and a garden planted. After this was completed explorations were to be made and then the real work of gathering coconuts and drying copra started. We worked from daylight to dark and in a few days were quite comfortably fixed. We made a clearing behind the house and planted a garden there. To keep the crabs out we put up two foot posts all around the plot and to these nailed old corrugated iron roofing, placing it well into the ground so that they could not burrow under it. This roofing, by the way had an interesting history. Japanese bird-poacher had at one time lived on Christmas Island then a French possession located some two hundred miles to the south. When they left Christmas Island to come to Palmyra they stole this roofing from the shack of the Catholic priest who owned the island and brought it to use in building their new abode on Palmyra.

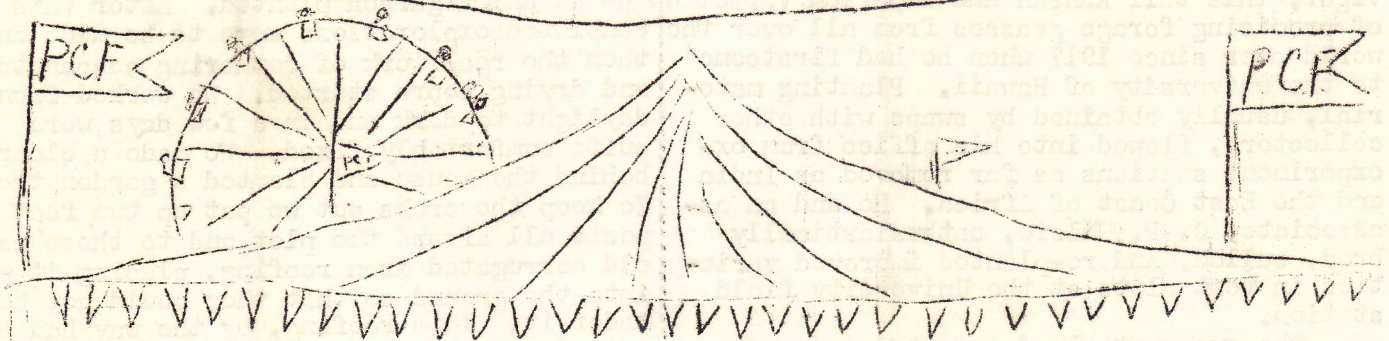
Here they caught and skinned the beautiful birds and some sort of a trading schooner brought them supplies and took away their feathers and skins. These feathers were shipped to Japan where they were properly cured and dressed and went to America to adorn ladies hats. Many of these South Sea Islands were inhabited by these poachers at one time so Great Britain, France and the United States sent warships down and drove them from their respective territories. When the Judge bought these islands he found the corrugated iron shack surrounded by twenty huge Oriental jars of stone, used by the Japanese for catching water. We found the jars invaluable for the same purpose. Palmyra is only five feet above the water so our water supply must be caught when it rains. There seems to be no danger of anyone going thirsty as it rains abundantly; and as Palmyra has no mosquitoes our water was always pure and wholesome.

Although quite near the Equator the climate is delightful. Lying in the path of the south-east trades, and with no hills to keep the breeze off, it is wonderfully cool always. During the eleven months that I spent there we kept a complete record of the weather, and a glance at the condensed report shows what a perfect climate the islands possess.

(to be continued)

Honolulu waterfront still closed by the stevedores who are on strike for increased pay.

PALMYRA COMMUNITY FAIR NEWS



Part of the committee chairmen have been named for the coming Community Fair. They are as follows.

Decorations-----Violet Pollard
Lighting-----Jerry Blommer
Agriculture and Horticulture--Mrs Blommer
Dance -----Mrs. Sauer
Art and Crafts-----Mrs. Haller
Refreshments-----Mrs. Mathews
Signs and Display--Waters

There are quite a number of other committees needed and anyone interested in helping out on a committee is asked to attend the meeting this evening in the club room in the recreation hall.

The meeting will start about 7 P.M. The reason for the meeting is to discuss plans for the general program, the displays, concessions and games. Also the possibility for a community supper at the close of the Fair.

REMEMBER THIS IS A COMMUNITY FAIR BY AND FOR THE COMMUNITY.

It will be something to boast about if everyone on the island is wearing a ribbon during the fair showing that they are on a committee or are an exhibitor. Come on folks lets all huki together and make it a 100% Palmyra Show.

Palmyra Nursery and Orchid Shoppeoooo has promised to enter some plants and hopes to have quite a number of young Solo Papaia plants ready for distribution at the close of the fair.

Daisy Watson was seen collecting grass hoppers for her chickens. We understand that Lion Rodd has some of hers on a special diet getting them ready for the show.

Another lady was telling us of a cake she had made without eggs. We wont give her

secret substitute for eggs at this time.

WANTED

Clowns, Acrobats, Musicians, and Exhibitors as well as workers for THE GREATEST SHOW ON PALMYRA.

COMING SOON

THE PALMYRA COMMUNITY FAIR.

Watch for the date.

If you have something to exhibit or have some special talent that you think we can use. Write your name in the space below and hand it in to the editor.

BETTER still write it on another sheet of paper to hand in and save your copie of the Palmyra Circle.

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